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To The President and Vice President  
Members of The Cabinet and Senior Advisers

LaBelle and I wish to express to all of you our heart-felt and deep appreciation for your friendship and support during our time as a part of the Carter Administration.

We have grown to love you all during this time and want to wish for you nothing but the very best in the days ahead.

Ours has been a high privilege and rare opportunity to serve with such a fine group. We are very proud of each and every one of you.

Now just a very personal word about the President and Vice President to the Cabinet Members. They truly do represent the very best and because of that deserve only the very best from each of you. So hopefully, whatever damage I may have done will be quickly undone through your continuing best efforts.

I ran across a quote from Teddy Roosevelt the other day that had some special meaning for me and I believe it will for each of you also.

"It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows the triumph of high achievement; and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

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As we say "Farewell", may God bless and keep each of you in his Hands and let nothing make you afraid.

With much love and affection

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bill Clinton", written in a cursive style.

P.S. Knowing The President as I do, I am sure he will continue to make certain all of you will continue to have "Fun".

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